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Came Over to Our Side 6 Years Ago

Red Secret Agent Has Been 'Singing'

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A defector from the Soviet secret police, now living in New York, has been feeding U. S. intelligence agents since 1958 with information which has led to arrests of important Red spies abroad.

It was learned yesterday that the defector, a Pole identified as "Michael Goleniewski," came to the U. S. in 1961 with his wife. He previously had been in contact with U. S. intelligence sources in Poland.

FALSE NAME

He was given the name of "Goleniewski" to conceal his true identity.

According to one report, this information has been turned over to the FBI and, in some cases, has resulted in the arrests of important Soviet bloc agents operating against the Western world outside the United States.

The New York Journal American, in a copyrighted dispatch, said Goleniewski had been a high-ranking operator in the KGB, Russia's all-purpose intelligence agency, and had informed U. S. officials that Mos-

cow had placed active "cells" in the CIA and the State Department, both in Washington and overseas.

NO COMMENT

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said: "The White House doesn't comment on intelligence matters." It was understood elsewhere, however, that the Journal American story was not consistent in all respects with accounts of the episode reaching Washington.

The story described Goleniewski as 41, husky, handsome and resembling "the Hollywood prototype of the suave, lady-killing spy."

Among other things, it credited him with breaking the Irwin Scarbeck "sex and secrets" case in Warsaw in 1961. Scarbeck, a U. S. Embassy official, was blackmailed by a Polish woman spy. He is serving a prison term.

BIGGER THAN HISS CASE?

The Journal American said Goleniewski, naming names, had "provided Washington with details of what looms as a greater scandal than the famous Alger Hiss case."

His "shattering disclosures," it said, included one that the KGB had been able to infiltrate U. S. embassies in all important countries abroad, as well as "every U. S. agency except the FBI." This was one aspect of the story challenged here.

The newspaper said Goleniewski was blocked by the CIA from testifying on espionage matters before Senate or House committees although he and many lawmakers were said to favor such a course.

Goleniewski is not the only KGB operative to defect to the U. S. Last month, the U. S. granted asylum to another, who had been in Geneva with the Soviet delegate to the disarmament conference.

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